

Education Department Hosts Nigerian Colleagues

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The UNH department of education recently hosted colleagues from Nigeria who work in the area of special education to share best practices and improve education and services for children with disabilities in Nigeria.

The group of Nigerian educators visited UNH as part of a Rotary Club cultural exchange organized by the Great Bay Rotary. The exchange group included professionals from the Federal College of Education in Oyo, the Zamarr Institute, and Sustainable Healthcare Initiative.

UNH faculty shared insights of how the United States has shifted education for children with disability toward inclusive education. According to Leslie Couse, associate chair of the department of education and associate professor of education, making this shift has been a continuous process shaped by public policy, a shift in educational practice, and having higher expectation for individuals with disabilities. As a result, individuals with disabilities in the United States experience greater access and success in society.

The group plans to continue the exchange of ideas, which is in keeping with the department of education's focus on global citizenship and community engagement. The Nigerian team is staying in Durham and will tour northern New England as part of a Rotary Exchange for the month.

Photo L to R: Ajayi Samuel Olufemi of the Federal College of Education in Oyo, Elizabeth Humphreys of the UNH Institute on Disability, Ojuawo Matthew Bamidele of the Federal College of Education in Oyo, Ogechi Ohadomere of the Zamarr Institute, Mike Omotosho of the Sustainable Healthcare Initiative, Leslie Couse and Justus Ogembo of the UNH department of education. Courtesy photo.

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